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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Asian Security Conference was held in New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the number of countries which participated in the conference;

(c) the main issues discussed in the meeting;

(d) whether any strategy was chalked out in regard to nuclear terrorism; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Yes, Sir. The 4th Asian Security Conference was organised by the Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses in New Delhi from 18-19 March 2002.

(b) Non-governmental experts from 20 countries, besides India, participated.

(c) The Conference discussed issues of global political and military challenges post-11 September, regional political and military strategies, national strategic perspectives, global and regional economic challenges, and international and regional cooperation to combat terrorism.

(d) & (e) The subject of terrorism was discussed in a generic sense, but Conferences such as these are not designed to chalk out any specific strategies.